



Health Services
LOS ANGELES COUNTY

April 10, 2007

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL OF AN AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH THE
ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
(All Districts) (3 Votes)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve and instruct the Director of Health Services, or his designee, to sign an affiliation agreement, substantially similar to Exhibit I, with The Assistance League of Southern California to allow nursing students from the Los Angeles County College of Nursing and Allied Health (College) to obtain observational and practical clinical experience in an affiliated non-County facility, effective date of Board approval for an indefinite period of time. There is no monetary payment between the Assistance League of Southern California and the County.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Board approval of the recommended action will allow nursing students from the College to obtain observational and practical clinical experience (as defined in Exhibit A) in an affiliated non-County facility.

Current County facilities used for clinical experiences are saturated for available clinical days that nursing students need to complete their clinical rotations for their respective cohort and semester.

In order for the students to graduate on time, the College has researched local and private facilities that offer clinical experiences that meet the Board of Registered Nursing curriculum and clinical requirements for students to become eligible for the Nursing Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX). The Assistance League of Southern California operates an Alzheimer's Clinic which will provide nursing students necessary experience in a gerontology setting.

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On time graduation and licensure of all students will improve the ability of the County to increase the number of nurse graduates and potentially hire more Registered Nurses for Department of Health Services' Facilities, as well as reduce the staff nurse vacancy rates and improve compliance with the State of California nurse staffing ratios.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is no fiscal impact to the Department from this action. This action does not affect net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

The College has a need for additional clinical space in a Gerontology setting to accommodate the expanded number of students enrolled in semester four of the nursing degree program.

The County intends to rotate two students per week for one day each week for a period of six to eight weeks in an effort to complete their program requirements.

The Assistance League of Southern California Alzheimer's Clinic provides oversight day care services to clients with moderate to severe dementia that includes the provision of cognitive stimulation, physical activities, and meals and snacks.

The agency also provides respite for primary care givers and family members. The facility is located within 15 minutes of the College and is convenient for students who live in nearby communities.

Attachment A provides additional information.

County Counsel has approved Exhibit I as to use and form.

CONTRACTING PROCESS:

Affiliation agreements are not advertised on the Los Angeles County Online Website.

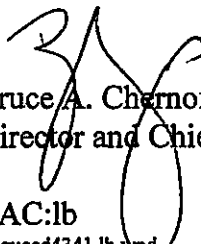
IMPACT ON CURRENT PROGRAM SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):

The recommended affiliation agreement will allow nursing students to graduate on time and will improve the County's ability to increase the number of nurse graduates.

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When approved, this Department requires four signed copies of the Board's action.

Respectfully submitted,



Bruce A. Chernof, M.D.
Director and Chief Medical Officer

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Attachments (2)

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

SUMMARY OF AGREEMENT

1. TYPE OF SERVICE:

Nursing Students will obtain observational and practical clinical experience in a Gerontology setting in an affiliated non-county facility.

2. AGENCY ADDRESS AND CONTACT PERSON:

Assistance League of Southern California
1370 North St. Andrews Place
Hollywood, CA 90028-8592
Patricia Spears, President
Telephone: (323) 469-1973
Fax: (323) 462-6164

3. TERM:

Effective date of Board approval for an indefinite period of time.

4. FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

There is no fiscal impact to the Department from this action. This action does not affect net County cost.

5. GEOGRAPHIC AREAS SERVED:

All Districts.

6. ACCOUNTABILITY FOR PROGRAM MONITORING AND EVALUATION:

Pete Delgado, Chief Executive Officer, LAC+USC Healthcare Network

7. APPROVALS:

LAC+USC Healthcare Network:	Pete Delgado, Chief Executive Officer
Contracts and Grants Division:	Cara O'Neill, Chief
County Counsel (approval as to form):	Eva Vera, Senior Deputy